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ARMY review completed.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 31 March 1966

In answer to a question raised by the DCI yesterday, DD/I described the current disposition of the film from the most recent TACKLE mission. [redacted]

[redacted] The film is due in Washington tonight, and a preliminary report from NPIC will be issued tomorrow morning. [redacted]

[redacted]

DD/I gave to DCI a copy of a working paper done by the OCI Military Division. The paper, prepared as a collection guide and as a contribution to an upcoming NIE, sets forth likely sites in China for installation of eventual medium-range missiles.

Godfrey noted the Washington Post headline story this morning about a sudden and substantial rise in infiltration of SVN by NVN troops. Nothing official has been received from MACV as yet.

Godfrey said that today's Soviet lunar shot had successfully ejected from orbit and is on the proper trajectory and is scheduled to reach the moon on the afternoon of 3 April.

Godfrey noted a Department cable to Ambassador Lodge suggesting a four-point program to stiffen Ky's stance against the Buddhist and student disorders. Among the suggestions is one that Ky convoke an assembly of various representatives to hammer out a plan for national elections.

Godfrey cited an "excellent" report [redacted] on the situation in Ecuador.

Kent reported that [redacted] is engaged in preparing a trip report and memorandum for the DCI and is available to meet with the DCI at the latter's convenience. DCI asked Kent to consider attendance at such a meeting by other Agency representatives and asked Kent to

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consider the possibility of [] briefing the Morning Meeting group tomorrow.

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[] noted the ominous import of various statements being made over the Hue radio station. It suggests direct Communist direction, and current opportunities presented to the Communist cause in the I Corps area are being watched and analyzed carefully.

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Houston reported that [] spoke directly to Representative Mahon yesterday about a briefing at NPIC. Mahon said that he is busy at the moment and would let us know when a time would be convenient. [] showed Mahon the Agency's budget book which has been made available to the staffs on both the House and Senate sides. [] reminded Stennis and Saltonstall of the fact that much time has elapsed since our last briefing of the Russell subcommittee and suggested they might wish to raise this with Russell.

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DD/P reported on a mess in Miami growing out of the failure of ACSI (Army) to coordinate properly on an intelligence collection operation mounted against Cuba. The operation was a fiasco, and the infiltrators ended up in the Bahamas where they have become of concern to the British and U. S. Navy. It was agreed that DDCI after the USIB Meeting this morning will meet with General Davis and Admiral Taylor to discuss this case and work out a solution for future coordination and try to stand such operations down.

DD/P noted that the Department is currently working on a draft of a cable to go to Saigon dealing with the phasing of a military regime into a civilian political atmosphere. DD/P and [] will meet with Department officers today to discuss this.

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DD/P received word from Secretary Nitze that the Marines have prepared a chart on the levels and extent of pacification in the Danang area.

DDCI said that Tom Hughes recently called to say that David Wise is interviewing Department officers in preparation for a book he intends to write on Soviet espionage.

DCI said that USIB this morning will consider establishment of an interagency task force to follow the NATO situation to ensure that the Community keeps abreast of political and military developments which may have an impact on our intelligence activities. DDCI is arranging for appropriate Agency representation on the task force.

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DCI said that he had signed and sent to Valenti for the President a memo on the situation and outlook in the Dominican Republic. DCI sent copies of this to the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense.

ACTIONS:

1. DCI requests that DD/I take the lead in making the arrangements for full Agency representation at next week's interagency conference on the Shrike missile. The conference will deal with technical, operational, and intelligence aspects of the Shrike program. (DD/I)

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